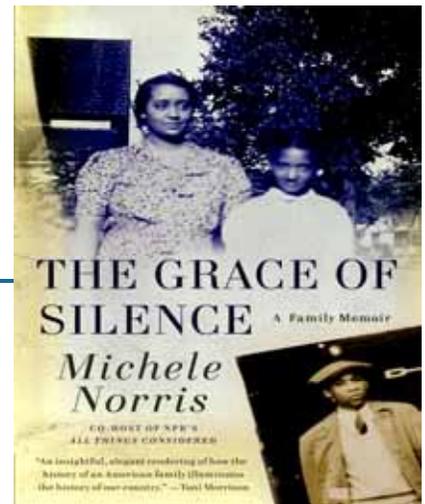


One Minneapolis, *One Read*:

A Toolbox of ideas



Folks all over Minneapolis are reading “*The Grace of Silence*” by NPR host and Minneapolis native Michele Norris. Everyone can find a way to relate to this book because it not only explores issues of race but also could make you look at your neighborhood and your own family in new ways. Here’s a toolbox of ideas to help you find a way to get involved, or come up with your own creative way to join the conversation during this first-ever *One Minneapolis, One Read*.

Read the book together

First, read the book!

Share your copy of the book with someone else.

Encourage family members to read the book and discuss together.

Sponsor a book discussion or even start a book club!

Encourage interactive group activities

The Race Card Project: Share your thoughts on race in just six words. Michele Norris created this exercise as a starting point for discussion, and it is being used by organizations across the country. You can view Race Card submissions at her website: www.michele-norris.com.

Community/neighborhood scrapbooks: Neighborhoods can come together to explore how they have changed over time, or explore what life was like in the past. The “Scrapbook” can be created by sharing mementos, photos, and stories – your imagination is your guide.

Use the arts to spark conversation

Host a movie and discussion that explores issues of race.

- Michele Norris suggests: “*A Raisin in the Sun*,” “*A Soldier’s Story*”, “*Remember the Titans*”, and “*Sweet Land*” as ideas to get you started.

Organize an art or photography exhibit that explores themes of race, family or neighborhood history.

Put on a play, like the popular “*Hairspray*,” addressing racism and body image issues or the 2011 Pulitzer Prize winner “*Clybourne Park*,” exploring modern gentrification and race relations. There are many options.



Capture our history and inspire dialogue

Sponsor a day of listening (<http://nationaldayoflistening.org>).

Encourage events bringing youth and seniors together – and remember your tape recorder to capture the stories that unfold!

Sponsor a “how to” workshop on gathering oral histories.

Sponsor a panel discussion or event that explores our history in the context of race.

Resources for your event:

At your request, the YWCA of Minneapolis will provide Racial Justice Facilitators to help guide your conversations. Contact mhannon@ywcamppls.org for more information.

A book discussion guide and other resources are available at www.michele-norris.com.

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